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Eighth Graders Attend Teen Maze Sept. 24-27



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Eighth graders will participate in the Houston County “Teen Maze” Sept. 24-27 at Central Georgia Technical College. The event is scheduled each day from 8:15 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. Houston County’s eight middle schools are each assigned a day and time of either 8:15-11:55 a.m. or 10:05 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Teen Maze gives youth an opportunity to experience life consequences of risky behaviors in a safe, controlled environment. The purpose of the event is to show youth how the decisions they make now have long lasting effects on their lives and the lives of people around them. The teens are encouraged to make wise decisions to improve their overall health and well-being.

The students will experience a mock emergency room scene, roll-over simulator, seatbelt simulator and drunk-driving goggles as well as sessions exploring the judicial system and the impacts of social media. They will follow a path through the Maze based on a life choice randomly chosen. Professionals in their field of expertise present information at various stations along the way. Stations include information regarding the stages and consequences of pregnancy and parenthood, effects of STDs, drug abuse, college and career options, health and nutrition decisions, financial decisions, mental health resources, funeral arrangements and more. Another element of the Teen Maze is a mock automobile accident resulting from impaired or distracted driving. Live actors and real emergency response agencies provide personnel and equipment to make the scene realistic. A Safe Dating presentation will also be included. Pictured is an accident from the 2018 Teen Maze.



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Sponsored by Houston County Family Connections, the event is a collaborative effort among community partners to include law enforcement, the fire department, EMA, Houston Healthcare, Health Department, DFACS and more. The maze is funded in part by Flint Energies Operation Roundup.

The maze allows teens to explore potential hazards resulting from real life decisions by providing information they can use to talk to a parent or trusted adult about future decisions. The Teen Maze program began in other states in 2004 and in Georgia in 2007. Houston County implemented its first Teen Maze in 2016.

Central Georgia Technical College is located at 80 Cohen Walker Drive in Warner Robins, primarily in Building G. For more information about the Teen Maze program, please contact Blanche Lamb, Coordinator for Special Programs at the Houston County Board of Education, at 478-988-6200, ext. 10193, or Blanche.Lamb@hcbe.net.

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